## **HOUSE BILL 2504**

By Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to COVID-19 treatment protocols.

WHEREAS, most individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the virus; and WHEREAS, thousands of individuals in Tennessee infected with COVID-19 are at risk of serious illness, hospitalization, and death due to individual known and unknown health comorbidities; and

WHEREAS, prevention of illness is an important goal, and the State of Tennessee can effectively provide public information toward that goal; and

WHEREAS, many Tennesseans have expressed concern to their elected members of the General Assembly that, upon a positive COVID-19 test result, they are not provided with a meaningful protocol for at-home care designed to help alleviate their symptoms, to assist them to more quickly recover, or to prevent worsening of their condition; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans deserve to be provided with a health protocol to help deter COVID-19, to care for themselves and their family at home, and to attempt to prevent advancement of the COVID-19 illness to a more critical stage; and

WHEREAS, the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care (FLCCC) Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to developing highly effective treatment protocols to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and to improve the outcomes for patients ill with the disease; and

WHEREAS, the FLCCC Alliance founding members, member physicians, and member scientists are highly educated professionals dedicated to providing such information and to upholding the Hippocratic Oath; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2020, the FLCCC Alliance developed a preventive and early outpatient combination treatment protocol for COVID-19 called I-MASK+, which includes the use of monoclonal antibody treatment; now, therefore,

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:
  - (a) The department of health shall display on the department's website the current I-MASK+ treatment protocol for COVID-19 developed by the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance.
  - (b) The department of health shall display the I-MASK+ treatment protocol for COVID-19 on the department's website in the same location where other COVID-19 health information is displayed.
  - (c) As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, including a variant of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019.
  - SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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